

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Modulating agents for inhibiting degradation of cytoplasmic  $\beta$ -catenin are provided. The modulating agents comprise one or more of: (1) the peptide sequence SYLDS(PO<sub>4</sub>)GIHS(PO<sub>4</sub>)G (SEQ ID NO:1) or (2) a peptide analogue or peptidomimetic thereof. Methods for using such modulating agents for stimulating  $\beta$ -catenin mediated gene expression and cellular differentiation are provided.

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